

## METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

## Agenda Item 3

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## Memorandum

TO: Legislation Committee

FR: Executive Director

RE: 2014 MTC Excellence in Motion Awards Program

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MTC is currently seeking nominations for its Excellence in Motion Awards program. This program – held every two years – recognizes people, programs and organizations that have made extraordinary contributions to the way people get around in the Bay Area. Since its inception in 1977, the transportation awards have recognized both day-to-day and long-term efforts to improve transportation in the region.

Nominations are being accepted through the MTC website or in paper form through Monday, March 31. A press release, postcards and emails had been widely distributed to alert the public, as well as social media posts and notices in newsletters.

In addition to nominations for awards of merit, we are inviting nominations for four specially-named categories:

- The Doris W. Kahn Accessible Transportation Award honors a person or organization whose efforts have resulted in significant improvement in transportation services for the elderly or persons with disabilities.
- The Greta Ericson Distinguished Service Award recognizes long-term, quality leadership in the transportation profession.
- The Miriam Gholikely Award recognizes extraordinary accomplishments in the field of community service, volunteerism, advocacy, leadership and/or minority affairs.
- The David Tannehill Special Employee Award is intended for a transportation employee who goes above and beyond the call of duty.

A jury of MTC Commissioners, staff and the general public will deliberate and select the winners in June. A ceremony honoring the winners is scheduled for October 2014.

A postcard with information on the awards program will be available at your March 14 meeting, and more information on the program (including an online nomination form) can be found at <a href="http://www.mtc.ca.gov/about\_mtc/awards/">http://www.mtc.ca.gov/about\_mtc/awards/</a>. To obtain a paper copy of the nomination form, call the MTC Public Information Office at 510.817.5757.

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